

AK WIGG PUBLIC SCHOOL

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November 1, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Nov 2 Recognition Assembly @ 11:20
- Nov 5-9 Treaties Awareness Week
- Nov 7 QSP Magazine Orders due today
- Nov 8 Lunch Lady Hot Lunch
- Nov 8 School Photo Retake Day
- November 8 Progress Reports & K Communication of Learning Initial Observations sent home
- Nov 9 Remembrance Day Service @10:45
- Nov 12 Fundscrip orders due
- November 15 - Grade 9 High School Preview Day for all Gr 8's
- Nov 15 Progress Report Interviews
- November 16th PA Day—no school for students
- Nov 23 November Walk to School Day
- Scholastic Book Fair Previews Nov 27. Open for Sales Nov 28, 29, 30.
- Nov 29 Lunch Lady Hot Lunch
- November 27 Grade 8 at EL Crossley Open House

November NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

This has been a very exciting month for us at AK Wigg Public School! We held our first "student led" celebration assembly on November 2nd,. Students were recognized for qualities related to the beliefs we hold true: Learning is Hard Work; Friendship is Kindness; Books Open Doors, Excellence; Responsibility and Mistakes Happen and It Is Okay. Students should be proud to be recognized for their efforts in these areas. Thank you for supporting the Halloween For Hunger Food Drive! Our Early Act Club and Mr. Droppert have done an excellent job promoting the initiative and as a result making a difference in the lives of others.

As we settle into the school year we would like to ensure that you know that we are committed to being your partner in education and are always focused on our students' success. To achieve this success we believe that our partnership is key. Parents and guardians know their children best and we must work together to understand each other, problem solve and celebrate for student achievement. Your school team is always here for you and that team begins with our teachers. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your classroom teacher to share successes, to join you in celebrations or to discuss concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Ms. M. Zwolak

Treaties Recognition Week at DSNB

Ontario has designated Nov 5-9 as Treaties Recognition Week with the goal of promoting education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. DSNB joins with other school boards across Ontario in encouraging schools to support learning about treaties as an important aspect of our province's history. For more information on treaties, go to

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>



Did You Know...
This year, AK Wigg is Producing a Spring Musical!

Who? It will be open to all students in Grades 4-8. All students in the school will get to see the play as members of the audience.

What? Willy Wonka. **Please note, this play is produced with the permission of Musical Theatre International Shows**

When? May 2-3

Where? Performances will take place at the Centennial High School auditorium.

Why? Participation in arts activities helps students develop their ability to listen & observe, & enables them to become more self-aware & self-confident. It encourages them to take risks, to solve problems in creative ways, and to draw on their resourcefulness to build on new ideas. It encourages them to develop a personal voice. Fostering a love of the arts in students, even if they do not intend to be professional artists, will enrich their future experience as audience members... study of the arts expands the ways in which students can express their ideas, feelings, beliefs, and values, as well as their understanding of those of others.

(Ontario Arts Curriculum, 2009)



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Ms. Mary Zwolak - Principal

Check out our Website at: <http://www.dsnb.edu.on.ca/Schools/AK Wigg/>

BEAT THE FLU! - GET YOUR SHOT!

Niagara Region Public Health Department is holding flu shot clinics throughout Niagara. Go to <http://www.niagararegion.ca/health/vaccinations/flu/default.aspx> for a complete listing of dates and locations. Or, contact your family doctor, or go to a nearby walk-in clinic.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

To commemorate Remembrance Day, on Friday, November 9th, we will be holding an ceremony in our gym starting at 10:45 a.m. Our first learning block and breaks will be shortened as a result. Students will be provided with poppies on November 10th by our local Royal Canadian Legion. We encourage all Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides at AK Wigg Public School to wear their uniforms to show respect during this solemn occasion. Family and friends are welcome to attend also.

BROCK UNIVERSITY TEACHER CANDIDATES

Welcome to the Brock University Teacher Candidates who started their observation days with us at the end of October. The Teacher Candidates listed below will have their Practice Teaching Block from November 5 until December 13:

Miss. Boyce—Ms. Hotham’s Grade1 Class
 Miss Persaud—Mrs. Young’s Gr 3 Class
 Miss. Langdon—Mrs. Shepard’s Gr 7 Class
 Mr. Tomlinson—Mr. Hildebrandt’s Grade 7/8 Class



How Can Parents Help Their Children with Mathematics?

Our School Math Goal is “To increase the confidence and skills students demon-

strate when communicating their mathematical thinking.” **Parents can support their children in the learning of mathematics by:**

- Being positive about mathematics.
- Avoiding creating math anxiety.
- Learning from mistakes.
- Being patient and build confidence.
- Ask a teacher.
- Play math games.
- Math in everyday contexts.
- Find math in literature.
- Use online resources such as DreamBox Help and Bedtime Math.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

November 30: PJ Day

December 21: Tacky Christmas Sweater Day

January 25: Western Day

February 22: Silly Socks & Sandals Day

March 29: Crazy Hair Day

April 26: Rock Star Day

May 31: Hats/Shades/Beach Day



ARE YOUR CHILDREN GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP?

The following are some tips for establishing a healthy sleep routine and ensuring your child gets enough sleep:

- Set a regular bedtime for children and stick to it.
- Establish a relaxing pre-bedtime routine with your child, such as reading or a warm bath.
- Take as many distractions (TV, computer, etc.) out of the bedroom as possible.
- Avoid giving the child foods or beverages containing caffeine less than six hours before bedtime.
- Make the bedroom as conducive to sleep as possible—the temperature should be comfortable, the noise level low, and the room dark.

How Long Must My Child Stay Home When Sick?

Chicken Pox	For mild illness (low fever, less than 30 spots) – no exclusion as long as your child is well enough to participate normally in all activities; for moderate to severe illness (fever over 38.5 °C and/or many new spots) – exclude until rash has crusted over or five days from the start of the rash.
Diarrhea	Until 24 hours after diarrhea stops. This may vary depending on the cause of illness, number of cases and source of the infection.
Fifth Disease	Your child may continue to attend school if feeling well enough to take part in activities.
Hand/Foot/Mouth Disease	Until your child is feeling well enough to participate normally in all activities. Those with fever, mouth sores or oozing lesions should not attend school.
Impetigo	Until the antibiotic prescribed by a doctor has been taken for at least one full day.
Influenza (flu)	Until seven days after the start of symptoms.
Pink-eye (bacterial)	A child should stay home until he/she is seen by a doctor. If it is bacterial, child can return to school after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment. If viral, child can return with doctor's approval.
Pinworm	Until the medication prescribed by a doctor has been taken.
Strep Throat	Until the antibiotic prescribed by a doctor has been taken for at least one full day.
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	Until antibiotic treatment has been taken for at least five days. If no treatment is given, wait three weeks from when cough began.



The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to A.K. Wigg Public School! What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event.

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Your support of this vital literary event is a key part of helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms.

You'll find hundreds of quality books at our Book Fair with a wide assortment for all reading levels. Visit the Scholastic Book Fairs website at www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs to get more detailed information about these books. You can also watch book trailers and author videos with your child on the BookTube page.

A Book Fair flyer that provides a preview of only a FEW of the many books available to purchase at our Fair will be sent home soon. The flyer also contains a special Family Event Draw ballot that parents can deposit during our Family Event. You could win \$50 in books – \$25 for your family PLUS \$25 for your child's classroom!

Don't forget to mark the Book Fair dates on your calendar! We look forward to seeing you during our Book Fair and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary event. Thank you for believing in books and the impact of reading on your child's future.

Scholastic Book Fair

Location: A.K. Wigg Library Learning Commons

Students will have a **Sneak Peek** at the Book Fair and create their own "Wish List" on **Tuesday, November 27** during class time.

Wednesday, November 28 and Thursday, November 29
from 8:30 – 9:00 and at both Fitness/Nutrition Breaks

Thursday, November 29 Extended Hours Family Event
will be from 3:30 – 5:30

Friday, November 30 from 8:30 – 9:00 and at **first** Fitness/Nutrition Break

Safety in our School Parking Lot

Recently we have noted that some drivers have been parking in the fire lane and driving across the centre lawn. Parents are reminded to be respectful, courteous and patient when driving on and off our school property. We appreciate that you are mindful of the safety of our students, staff, other drivers and our grounds. Thank you for your continued support. A little patience goes a long way towards safety.

The Elementary Progress Report - Grades 1 - 8 Students

On November 8th, your child will bring home their Elementary Progress Report. The format was created after years of consultation with parents/guardians, teachers, principals and students across the province. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and the learning skills. Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on toward achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. For subjects in which your child is Progressing with Difficulty, the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success. We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

Update from your Active School Travel Committee

- Did you Know? 100 kilograms of CO₂ emissions can be reduced by eliminating 4 short car trips every week.
 - Plants, soils, and bodies of water benefit from clean air too.

Do your part in protecting our Earth.

- Walk or wheel with your children to school.
- Have your children take the bus if they are a bus rider -- encourage children to walk to the bus stop.

If children need to be driven, consider sharing rides with others.

This Movember, Walk and Wear a Mustache to School!
Friday, November 23 is our Movember Walk to School Event Day!

DSBN *Insta Fame* ★

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES



SHINE LIKE THE STAR YOU ARE!

NOVEMBER 26 - 29, 2018

A.N. MYER Nov. 29 6:30 pm	BEAMSVILLE Nov. 28 6:00 pm	E.L. CROSSLEY Nov. 27 6:30 pm	EASTDALE Nov. 29 6:00 pm	EDEN Nov. 29 6:30 pm	GREATER FORT ERIE Nov. 27 6:00 pm
GRIMSBY Nov. 27 6:00 pm	GOVERNOR SIMCOE Nov. 26 6:00 pm	LAURA SECORD Nov. 28 6:00 pm	PORT COLBORNE Nov. 27 6:00 pm	SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL Nov. 26 6:00 pm	
ST. CATHARINES COLLEGIATE Nov. 27 6:00 pm	STAMFORD Nov. 27 6:00 pm	THOROLD Nov. 27 6:30 pm	WESTLANE Nov. 28 6:30 pm	WELLAND CENTENNIAL Nov. 29 6:00 pm	



**I Matter
At DSBN**

dsbn.org/highschoolopenhouses

#DSBNHighSchool



Over the past few weeks we have had an increase in the number of requests from families to inform students about after school arrangements or changed dismissal routines. This is causing a disruption to the learning environment in our classrooms. For the safety of your children, we are asking parents to make arrangements for these matters outside of the school day. When necessary, parents are asked to make early dismissal arrangements before 1:00 p.m. The office is making every effort to cut down on the interruption of classes during our instructional blocks. After 1:00 pm, the students and staff are engaged in important end of day routines. We ask that you give careful consideration to early dismissals as your child's attendance for the full learning day is critical to their success.



SAVE THE DATE:
Santa Brunch
will be held on Decemeber 13th
AND
Our Holiday Concert
will be held on December 18th



Clean out your closets A.K. Wigg ...

During the month of November, please consider donating your gently used winter coats and snowpants for children. Our local Dry Cleaning service will clean them and provide for Niagara families in need.

Thanks to Ms. Hotham for co-ordinating this initiative.

AK Wigg is an Allergen Aware School

We remind all of our AK Wigg families to help keep our children and staff with serious food allergies safe at school. With many students just finishing collecting snacks as part of Hallowe'en activities, it is important that foods containing any tree nut products not be sent to school. We also ask students, staff and visitors not to wear/spray scented products at school. We appreciate the wonderful support that has been provided by our community with this matter. Together, we can continue to keep AK Wigg safe for our students and staff with serious food and scent allergies.

COMING SOON...

YOU'RE THE CHEF PROGRAM

Students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 will soon have the opportunity to participate in the "You're the Chef" program during the lunch break! Thanks to Mrs. Daurio for volunteering her time to participate in the training through Niagara Regional Public Health and also time to run this program for our students!

Update from your School Council Chair

So far 2018-19 is shaping up to be another great year at AK Wigg. One great way of supporting your child is to come out to the School Council. My name is Allison Nykolaychuk. I have been on the School Council for 5 years now, and this year I'm continuing as Chair of the group. When speaking with parents about coming to council, I hear things such as I don't know how much time I have. Please know that your commitment to School Council can be as much or as little that you want. Come out to the meetings that interest you or come to them all, volunteer for projects that you feel passionate about, or come to be informed. Council has supported the school in obtaining more technology, books for the library, hot lunches and maintaining the playground for a start. We put on great such as Santa Brunch and our Spring Fun Fair. Our meetings are generally on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm and are about an hour long. If you are not able to come to a meeting but have a concern, please feel free to leave a message at the school for me or to email me at allisonnyk@gmail.com. I'm looking forward to working with you to make this the best school possible for our children.

SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISING PROJECTS & CAMPAIGNS

At the October School Council Meeting, we discussed some projects the school is planning and prioritized those to support through School Council fundraising. We worked together with Ms. Zwolak and the school staff to provide input on behalf of the parent community on the projects.

Our first major Fundraiser is the **QSP Magazine and Cookie Dough "Subs and Tubs" Campaign**. The fundraising goal for this campaign is \$2214.80 The funds will support having our school logo printed in our school gymnasium on some of the mats and doorway. Our second major Fundraiser will be Christmas Poinsettias and Holiday Ornaments. The funds raised through this campaign will directly support our Spring Musical. Council has committed to raising \$2500.00 This amount is estimated to cover the buses to transport our students to see our school's performance of "Willy Wonka" at Welland Centennial Secondary school as well as part of the costs for costumes and sets. More information about the Spring Musical will be coming soon.

School Council has indicated that they would like to continue supporting the purchase of additional Chrome-books for our portable lab, Learning Commons and Classrooms with any funds raised beyond the target set for each project. Please note that we will continue to offer Hot Lunches, FundScrip on an ongoing basis as well as community building events such as Santa Bruch and AK Wigg Nights at the Niagara Ice Dogs throughout the year as well. If you prefer, cash donations can also be made online by following the link on our school website.

Charitable Giving for the Holiday Season

This we will continue to support the Niagara Region PJ's & Books. Working with the Region, we will contribute to the Pajama Drive, in which children receive a new pair of pajamas for the winter season!

Imagine those kids, going to bed or maybe attending a sleepover, with a clean pair of pajamas. You may even like to add a book to go with them! We will be helping children from birth to age 18. There is a "Pajama Party" coming up on November 16th held by the Region, who is partnering with 6 or 7 agencies to reach those in need. More information will be sent your way in the coming weeks. **We hope to have the pajamas into the school and on to the Region by the last week of November!**